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For: POINT OF TAX REPORTING AND AUTOMATIC COLLECTION SYSTEM  
WITH TAX REGISTER

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Sir:

PETITION TO WITHDRAW NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT

Applicant received a Notice of Abandonment dated March 21, 2001. This Notice of Abandonment should be withdrawn by the USPTO, for at least the following reasons.

An Office Action was mailed on April 20, 2000. This Office Action was received by Applicant on April 24, 2000. In the Office Action, claims 1-13 were rejected. In response to this Office Action, a "Response to Office Action" along with a "Terminal Disclaimer" was/were filed with the USPTO on April 26, 2000. Copies of this Response and Terminal Disclaimer are attached hereto. Moreover, a copy of the USPTO date stamped postcard, indicating that the PTO received this Response of April 26, 2000, is also attached hereto. Accordingly, it is clear that the April 20, 2000 Office Action was responded to.

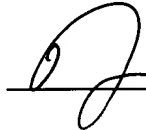
The Notice of Abandonment fails to acknowledge the Response which was filed to the Office Action. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the Notice of Abandonment was mailed in error by the USPTO. It is thus requested that the Notice of Abandonment be withdrawn, and the Response filed on April 26, 2000 be considered.

Please feel free to contact the undersigned if you should have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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